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1. WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN CANVAS 26 VOTING DELEGATIONS LIKELY TO VOTE IN COUNCIL PLENARY ON QUESTION OF WEST ASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION. HAITI ABSENT TO DATE.

2. IT IS APPARENT THAT SEVERAL DELGATIONS WAVERING BUT THAT PRESSING ISSUE TO VOTE WOULD RESULT IN DECISIVE SUPPORT LEBANESE DRAFT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE VOTES REASONABLY FIRM IN SUPPORT DRAFT RES: ALGERIA, CHINA, SPAIN, JAPAN, LEBANON, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, CHILE. NEXT GROUPING ARE THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WHILE WISHING FOR A POSTPONEMENT WOULD EITHER ABSTAIN OR VOTE NO IN CLUTCH: BRAZIL, FINLAND,US, THE NETHERLANDS, UK. OF THIS GROUP IT IS CLEAR THAT BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH WAFTING AND WILL PROBABLY MAKE DECISION BASED UPON SIZE OPPOSITION WHICH NOT ENCOURAGING.
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4. THE SOVIETS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT WHILE THEIR POSITION UNCOMFORTABLE IN CLUTCH VOTE SUPPORT WOULD FAVOR ARABS. THIS MEANS THAT MONGOLIA, POLAND AND HUNGARY WOULD FOLLOW EE LINE. UGANDA REP COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR WITH ISSUE BUT PROSPECT IS THAT HE WOULD WUPORT ARABS. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. WE HAVE HELD OFF NIGER, MALI AND ZAIRE HOPING AT LAST MINUTE SWING THEM TO ABSTAIN WHICH IS ADMITTEDLY LONG SHOT.

5. THUS IN COUNCIL ITSELF WE SEE NO PROSPECT VOTE FAVORABLE US POSITION. USDEL PREPARED PURSUE POSSIBILITY POSTPONEMENT IN VIEW OF UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL. HOWEVER BOTH DRISS AND GHORRA AT LEAST FOR MOMENT CONTENDING THAT ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

6. OUR PRELIMINARY NOSE COUNT OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE NO MORE FAVORABLE. HOWEVER WE PROCEEDING WITH CORRIDOR INQUIRIES AND WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF THERE ANY SIGNI-FICANT CHANGE IN VOTING PATTERN.BASSIN

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